

State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, North Carolina men continue to live an average of six years less than North Carolina women according to the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics; and

WHEREAS, the rate of uninsured for North Carolina men is 23 percent higher than for North Carolina women and increased by two percent between 2003 and 2005 according to the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina men have a 57 percent higher mortality rate due to heart disease than North Carolina women according to the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina men have 55 percent higher mortality rate due to cancer than North Carolina women according to the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of diabetes in North Carolina men increased 6% between 2003 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina men have a 15 percent higher mortality rate due to prostate cancer than United States men according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from these diseases; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventive health practices will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians are encouraged to increase awareness of men's health issues and adopt healthy lifestyle habits and regular medical check-ups;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina do hereby proclaim June 9-15, 2008, as "MEN'S HEALTH WEEK" in North Carolina and urge all our citizens to pursue preventive health practices and early detection efforts.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capital at Raleigh this fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.